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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Masters and Recognized Organizations

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **General Ship Safety Issues**

#### **Safety Reminder for Vessels Navigating China's Coastal Waters**

During the spring season, a large number of fishing vessels are operating in China's coastal areas. The intensive operation of fishing vessels, coupled with the normal navigation of merchant vessels, has led to a complex navigational environment, which brings potential collision risks between merchant vessels and fishing vessels. To effectively mitigate such risks and ensure the safety of maritime navigation, the China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) has promulgated its guidance and notice, as detailed in Annex 1 and Annex 2, for the prevention of collisions between merchant vessels and fishing vessels in China's coastal waters.

2. Furthermore, the ZheJiang MSA has issued specific safety reminder, as detailed in Annex 3 and Annex 4, for vessels navigating along the coast of Zhejiang. Hong Kong-registered ships are strongly advised to exercise heightened vigilance and strictly adhere to the safety measures outlined in the aforementioned documents.

3. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Senior Surveyor of Cargo Ships Safety Section at:

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Yours faithfully,

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Annex 1 - Guideline for the Prevention of Collision between Merchant Vessels and Fishing Vessels in Coastal Waters of China

Annex 2 – Notice on Strengthening the Prevention of Collisions between Merchant Ships and Fishing Vessels in Coastal Waters of China

Annex 3 – Safety Reminder and Notification on Prevention of Collisions Between Merchant Vessels and Fishing Vessels

Annex 4 – Safety Reminder List for Preventing Collisions Between Merchant Vessels and Fishing Vessels of ZheJiang MSA